

REMARKS – GeneralIn the specification.

Applicants have further amended their specification to further particularly point and recite in logical order the first width of the front portion, the second width of the middle portion and the third width of the rear portion of the invention. Applicants have further amended their specification to more clearly distinguish between the groove first width and the groove second width. No new subject matter has been added.

In the claims.

Applicants have further amended Claim #1 to recite the first, second and third widths of the invention in a logical order.

Claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled in light of the Examiner's report.

Claims 1 to 17 were pending prior to the amendments contained herein claim 18 having been previously cancelled.

Claims 1 to 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph as being indefinite in that the varying widths of the invention were not recited in a logical order, to wit, the third width followed the first width without an intervening second width.

Claims 1 to 15 were found to be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph objection set forth in the Office Action.

Claims Rejected Under 35 USC 112

The Office Action rejects Applicants' independent claim 1 on the grounds that it is indefinite and fails to distinctly claim the invention. Claim 1 has been amended herein.

The Office Action rejects Applicant's dependent claims 2 to 15 on the grounds that they depend from rejected independent claim 1. Since claim 1 has been amended herein, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2 to 15 no longer offend 35 USC 112.

Conclusion

In view of the forgoing amendments and accompanying arguments, Applicants respectfully request allowance of their claims 1-15 as amended.

If there are any matters concerning this application that could be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned at (250) 418 3250.

The assistance and helpful suggestions set out by the Examiner in this Office Action are, once again, greatly appreciated.

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